

THE PIONEER MOUNTAINS

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No monument of man,
These lordly heights!
No stilted wall,
No guarded door,
No melancholy corridor
Of graven image.

But, etched by the sun, Tinted with hmes Of the dawn. Sculptured by winds. The rains, the snows Of infinite years: These immortal spires. These battlements of glory -Ascending from The heart of the earth, Aspiring to The canopy of the blue -Bespeak the fashioning Of a hand divine In the far corridors Of God's eternal time.



2.

The roving Indian Visioned, in those Dawn-flushed crags, The home Of the sun -I-dah-ho!

To the trapper,
Hardy of soul,
Their mighty minarets
Were steadfast beacons
Of the trackless
Wilderness.

Struggling wearily,
Resistlessly,
Across the tortuous
Plains of the Snake,
The sturdy emigrant
Espied, on far horizon,
Those sun-lit peaks,
Their snow-capped summits
The emblem of hope,
Of the grace
Of the promised land.

The miner,
With spirit elated,
Envisioned those
Enchanted crests,
Aflame with
Evening glow,
The city of gold,
The dreamed-of
El Dorado.

The settler. Beset with care. Battling bravely The dire adversities Of a new land, Raised grateful eyes To those cool heights, And gave thanks For goodly gifts Of useful woods, And quickening waters; Found surcease From trial In those tranquil towers, And rejoiced In the sublimity Of their templed spires.



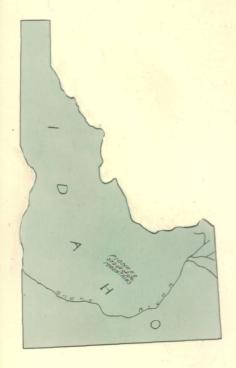


4.

These mountains,
These Peaks
Of the Pioneers!
Nobly they
Stand there Majestic,
Serene,
Eternal;
Symbols
Of Faith,
Of Courage,
Of Sacrifice,
Of that enduring spirit
Which is the glory
Of the Pioneer!

Through The years ahead, Through ages Yet to come. The rains of spring And summer sun Will wreathe those heights In hallowed memory -Memories revered In the ceaseless song Of the murmuring waters, In the voice Of the Wind In vaulted towers: A memory Enthroned. Enshrined. Immortalized, Through Resounding years, In these. The Mountains Of the Pioneers!





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PIONEMR: Mountains, Blaine and Custer Counties, Idaho, the mass extending southeast from Ryan Peak, in unsurveyed T. 7 N., R. 17 E., Boise meridian, to the Snake River Plains, forming the divide between Big Wood and Little Wood Rivers and Big Lost River. Named for the pioneers who collectively settled Idaho. Names of distinguished early pioneers of Idaho will be later given to the individual peaks.

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